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SUBJECT: GUIDANCE FOR 94TH EXBD SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING,
MARCH 25 - APRIL 2; ITEM 4: STUDY OF PROBLEMS OF
ESTABLISHING BOARD'S CALENDAR FOR EACH BIENNIUM IN ITS
INTERRELATIONSHIP WITH SECRETARIAT AND GCS TIME-TABLE

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1. DEPT HAS PREPARED A "CRITICAL PATH" FLOW CHART OF PROGRAM BUDGET AND MEDIUM-TERM PLAN DECISION MAKING, 40 COPIES OF WHICH ARE BEING HAND CARRIED BY EXBD MEMBER SULLIVAN, WHO CAN PROVIDE ADDITIONAL EXPLANATIONS. WHILE CHART IS LARGELY SELF-EXPLANATORY, DEPT HAS NOT INDICATED SPECIFIC DATES FOR EITHER EXBD MEETINGS OR SECRETARIAT ISSUANCE OF DOCUMENTATION SINCE THIS IS A FUNCTION OF BOTH THE CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES AND LENGTH OF TIME REQUIRED FOR THE SECRETARIAT TO UNDERTAKE THE WORK INVOLVED AND MUST BE DEVELOPED LATER IF OUR CONCEPT IS ACCEPTED.

2. ONE MAJOR CHANGE ENVISAGED IS SUBSTITUTION OF GENERAL CONFERENCE MEDIUM-TERM POLICY DIRECTIVES, WHICH SECRETARIAT WOULD FLESH OUT AND EXBD WOULD REVIEW, FOR SECRETARIAT-
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DOMINATED FUNCTION OF COLLATING WRITTEN RECOMMENDATIONS

RECEIVED FROM THOSE MEMBERS AND NGO'S WHO CHOOSE TO REPLY.

PRESENT PRACTICE LEAVES THE INITIATIVE OF OUTLINING THE MEDIUM-TERM PLAN'S MAIN ELEMENTS ALMOST ENTIRELY TO THE SECRETARIAT RATHER THAN TO MEMBER STATES.

3. INPUTS FROM NGO'S AND UN SYSTEM COULD WELL BE FED DIRECTLY INTO MEMBER STATES' REVIEW DURING GC OR BY PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN COMMENTARIES TO EITHER THE GC OR EXBD AS THE REVIEW PROCESS EVOLVES. NGO INPUT, HOWEVER, SHOULD NOT BE PRE-SYNTHESIZED BY THE SECRETARIAT AS APPEARS THE CASE NOW, WITH THE RESULT THAT THE DRAFT C/4 IS LARGELY A PRODUCT OF THE SECRETARIAT AND OF A FEW MEMBERS AND NGO'S.

4. DURING DISCUSSIONS THIS ITEM U. S. REP. SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WHATEVER TIME FRAMES ARE ADOPTED BE REALISTIC AND THAT MEMBERS HAVE ALL RPT ALL DOCUMENTS WELL IN ADVANCE OF RELEVANT MEETINGS OR DEADLINES. KISSINGER

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